



ACTION ON SMOKING AND HEALTH

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Dear ASH Supporter:

Now YOU can help ASH fight to eliminate smoking in the workplace and at the same time help all nonsmokers!

Several federal health agencies have conclusively determined that separate smoking sections do not provide adequate protection, especially in restaurants where the smoke drifts into the no-smoking section.

So ASH stepped up the pressure on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) with its latest legal petition filed July 12, 1993. We now have four proceedings (including a suit in the U.S. Court of Appeals) against OSHA, seeking to force the agency to protect workers and those who frequent workplaces by issuing an across-the-board rule banning workplace smoking.

BUT YOUR HEALTH CAN'T WAIT! SO WE'RE URGING THAT WORKERS EXPOSED TO SMOKE ACT NOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, WITHOUT HAVING TO WAIT FOR A RULING ON ASH'S LAWSUIT.

To help ASH, simply file an easy 2-page complaint with OSHA. The form is enclosed, and the complaint can be filed anonymously! (Be sure to read the instructions carefully before you file.)

And even if YOU'RE not exposed to tobacco smoke where YOU work, encouraging people you know who do work in offices, restaurants, airplanes, retail stores and even malls to file OSHA complaints can help clean the air YOU are forced to breathe.

ASH IS UNDERTAKING A MAJOR NEW OFFENSIVE TO PROTECT NONSMOKERS BY HELPING THEM FILE OSHA COMPLAINTS.

Our hope is that this new project will finally force OSHA to address the smoking issue. We also believe it will help prompt OSHA to issue an across-the-board rule banning smoking, rather than trying to deal with each individual complaint.

TO HELP COORDINATE THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST OSHA, ASH HAS HAD TO HIRE A NEW ATTORNEY AND A NEW LEGAL SECRETARY.

However, we believe this substantial increase in cost is warranted by the real chance of achieving a total victory for all nonsmokers — a complete ban on all workplace smoking! That's why I'm writing to ask you to do TWO things:

1. file a complaint with OSHA if your workplace is not smokefree, or help persuade at least one person you know to do so;
2. make an extra contribution of \$40, \$30 or whatever you can afford to help ASH meet these substantially increased expenses.

Taking on a major federal agency AND the mighty tobacco industry is no small task, but ASH's track record proves it can handle the challenge:

- ASH used legal action to force the FCC to make broadcasters provide free time for antismoking messages — this led directly to the ban on cigarette commercials.
- ASH used legal action to make the CAB issue airplane smoking rules — which led to the smoking ban on domestic flights.
- And ASH successfully used legal action to get the ICC to require interstate buses to ban smoking.

All of these — and the many other ASH victories — were possible only because of the support of concerned citizens like you. This time the tobacco industry is hoping you won't care enough to back the fight to protect YOUR rights and YOUR health.

Then they can use their stranglehold on OSHA to prevent it from acting. This despite overwhelming evidence that workplace smoking kills tens of thousands of people each year — evidence the industry is trying desperately to discredit.

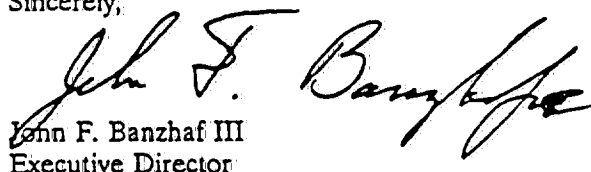
ASH is fighting and winning for you, but we urgently need your help. Please consider filing a complaint or persuading a worker you know to file one. And please send us your contribution now — \$40 will go a long way in our vital, life-saving work. Show that you care enough about your health, and the health of your loved ones, to support ASH's fight on YOUR behalf.

Coordinating the filing of hundreds of different complaints will be both challenging and time-consuming, particularly since the forms must be filed with dozens of individual offices at many different locations. Indeed, under federal law, some must even be filed with state agencies which act in conjunction with OSHA.

ASH IS READY TO UNDERTAKE THIS DAUNTING TASK — THIS MAJOR ESCALATION OF THE BATTLE FOR YOUR RIGHTS AND YOUR HEALTH — IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT US.

Please don't wait. The quicker we receive your complaint form and your contribution, the more quickly we can move forward to help protect you individually, as well as all nonsmokers generally. Your complaint form must be received at ASH by December 1, 1993 in order for us to process and mail it.

Sincerely,



John F. Banzhaf III
Executive Director

P.S.: By completing and mailing the enclosed OSHA complaint along with your check for \$40 to help cover the costs of this major new program, you can help limit smoking in your workplace, and in all the restaurants, stores, and other people's workplaces you visit. PLEASE ACT NOW; ASH must receive your complaint by December 1.

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